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Our Case No.: 659/923

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Jennifer Marvin

Examiner:

Serial No.: 10/038,765

Group Art Unit No.: 3761

Filing Date: January 2, 2002

For: TAMPON APPLICATOR ASSEMBLY AND
METHOD OF USING SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of

record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, prior art to the application, or material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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Title of Invention Tampon Applicator Assembly And Method Of Using Same			

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Transmitted herewith is Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449, Copies of References A1-A75, Postcard Receipt.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ Petition for a _____ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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x \$9 =	
x 42 =	
+ \$140 =	
Total add'l fee	\$

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Rate	Add'l Fee
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Total add'l fee	\$

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- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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	A2	2,298,752	10-13-1942	J.R. Crockford		
	A3	2,355,628	08-15-1944	Calhoun		
	A4	2,401,585	06-04-1946	L.S. Seidler		
	A5	2,491,017	12-13-1949	V.E. Robinson		
	A6	2,519,912	08-22-1950	H. Laun		
	A7	2,739,593	03-27-1956	McLaughlin		
	A8	2,938,519	05-31-1960	J.L. Marco		
	A9	3,032,036	05-01-1962	Rader et al.		
	A10	3,034,508	05-15-1962	G.S. Nalle, Jr.		
	A11	3,090,385	05-21-1963	G. Brecht		
	A12	3,409,011	11-05-1968	Mittag		
	A13	3,543,754	12-01-1970	John Leslie Jones, Sr.		
	A14	3,643,661	02-1972	Crockford		
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	A18	3,918,452	11-11-1975	Cornfeld		
	A19	3,971,378	07-1976	Krantz		
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	A21	4,019,498	04-26-1977	Hawtrey et al.		
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	A23	4,148,317	04-10-1979	Loyer		
	A24	4,212,301	07-1980	Johnson		
	A25	4,398,532	08-16-1983	Sweeney, III		
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	A34	5,007,894	04-16-1991	Enhorning		
	A35	5,036,867	08-06-1991	Biswas		
	A36	5,045,079	09-03-1991	West		
	A37	5,080,659	01-14-1992	Nakanishi		
	A38	5,386,836	02-07-1995	Biswas		
	A39	5,395,308	03-1995	Fox et al.		
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	A65	EP 0 264 258 B1	04-22-1992	EPO		
	A66	EP 0 363 421 B2	10-18-1995	EPO		
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	A70	GB 1116742	06-12-1968	United Kingdom		
	A71	WO 88/10106	12-29-1988	WIPO		

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	A72	U.S. Application Serial No. 09/675,458, "Incontinence Insert Applicators And Methods For Their Use, Filed September 28, 2000.
	A73	U.S. Application Serial No. 09/675,459, "Urinary Incontinence Device And Method Of Making Same," Filed September 28, 2000.
	A74	U.S. Application Serial No. 09/675,460, "Resilient Incontinence Insert And A Method Of Making The Same, Filed September 28, 2000.
	A75	U.S. Application Serial No. 10/039,230, "Incontinence Insert Device And Method Of Using Same", Filed January 2, 2002.

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